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" 4 months' sight, .....	8/3
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## THE OPIUM TRADE.

The following memorial on this subject of the opium trade has been addressed by the Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade to Earl Granville, whose reply is as follows:

My Lord.—(1) A proposed settlement of the Opium Question as far as relates to China having been announced by a member of the Government, we venture to express to your Lordship the deep interest which the members and supporters of the Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade naturally feel in the intelligence. It is with some hesitation that we approach your Lordship before the terms of the arrangement have been made public; but we feel that the position of the Society, as representing, we believe, the various Christian Churches of Great Britain and Ireland, and the great majority of the right-minded of our countrymen, imposes upon us the duty of giving expression to their convictions as to what is required to satisfy the conscience of the nation, before the signature of the treaty closes the door against any further practical discussion of the subject.

(2) While we desire to place upon record for your Lordship's information what, we are persuaded, are the conscientious convictions of the British people, we are anxious in no way to add to the difficulties of her Majesty's Government. On this account, we refrain from any public action, and content ourselves with making this written communication to your Lordship, in the belief that you will give it your consideration.

(3) We note the statement of the Under-Secretary for India, that the agreement arrived at is "perfectly satisfactory to the Chinese." This language implies that the treaty has been made with the full and free concurrence and hearty goodwill of the Chinese Government. The change from a policy of compulsion to negotiations carried on on equal and friendly terms, in which the wishes of China are allowed to rule in a matter which affects so seriously her national welfare, is a gain so great in itself, and so bright with hope of a better era of international relations, that we shall rejoice to congratulate your Lordship on this achievement. We have the fullest confidence that your Lordship has conducted the present negotiations in a spirit of perfect fairness and frankness, but when we remember that Lord Elgin, Sir Rutherford Alcock, and Sir Thomas Wade have left it on record that former treaties have been extorted from China, and that the only previous convention which was the outcome of entirely friendly negotiations, that which was signed at Peking on the 26th of October, 1859, was not ratified by her Majesty's Government, we venture to point out how necessary it is that the perfect freedom of the Chinese in the present negotiations should be made manifestly clear, and to express our hope that they have received the most direct and explicit assurances of the desire and intention of her Majesty's Government to treat China as a perfectly independent State, having full liberty to tax opium at her discretion, or to prohibit its import altogether.

(4) Although the change from a policy of coercion to one of equal and friendly negotiations is a triumph of right principles, which will give the deepest satisfaction to the national conscience, we cannot but regret our profound conviction that (understandably of what may be termed the Indian part of the question) something more is required to constitute a perfectly satisfactory settlement. In view of the overwhelming mass of evidence as to the demoralizing and destructive effects of the opium traffic in China, and of the general belief among intelligent and patriotic Chinese that the alarming spread of the vice imperils the best interests of the nation (a belief which is fully justified by the emphatic declarations of the Indian Government in respect to opium in British India), we earnestly hope that the publication of the treaty will show that its provisions aim at the gradual diminution of the opium trade with India, with its attendant evils, and keep the way open for the Chinese Government to negotiate with a view to its eventual extinction; and thus enable them to deal with the growth of the poppy at home.

(5) We are not blind to the enormous difficulty of arresting the progress of a vice so fearfully prevalent among the millions of China, and the perils for which it is now to a very great extent supplied by the native poppy; but considering that for a long course of years the opium trade was carried on in violation of Chinese law, during which period the vice rooted itself among the people, and recalling the despatch of a Prince of Kung in 1860, which implied Great Britain to join in a mutual prohibition of the trade, we beg most respectfully to make known our opinion that it is incumbent upon her Majesty's Government at this time to recognize and respond to the desire of the rulers of China to save their people from ruin by the opium vice, by a cordial offer to co-operate as far as possible in all reasonable measures for its repression.

(6) Trusting to your Lordship's goodness to pardon our intruding upon your Lordship at an important crisis in the history of a question for the righteous solution of which we and the Society have so long been labouring.

Reply of Earl Granville.

Sir.—Earl Granville has under his consideration, in communication with her Majesty's Secretary of State for India in Council, the letter from the Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade of the 25th ultimo, containing their views in regard to the settlement of the Opium Question, which has formed the subject of recent discussion between her Majesty's Government and that of China.

I am now directed by his Lordship to request you to convey to the Executive Council of the Society the expression of his thanks for their communication, and at the same time to inform them that the arrangement to be embodied in the agreement which has been under the consideration of her Majesty's Government, was proposed by the Chinese Government, and is in accordance with their wishes.

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Hongkong, May 25, 1885. 851

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F. E. FOSTER, Agent.

Hongkong, May 27, 1885. 872

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, May 30, 1885. 892

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## THE KOWLOON FERRY.

STEAM-LAUNCH MORNING STAR

Runs DAILY as a FERRY BOAT between Peddar's Wharf and Tsim-Tsui at the following hours:—

WEEK DAYS. SUNDAYS.

Leave Kowloon for Tsim-Tsui: 6.00 A.M., 7.00 A.M., 8.00 A.M., 9.00 A.M., 10.00 A.M., 11.00 A.M., 12.00 P.M., 1.00 P.M., 2.00 P.M., 3.00 P.M., 4.00 P.M., 5.00 P.M., 6.00 P.M., 7.00 P.M., 8.00 P.M., 9.00 P.M., 10.00 P.M., 11.00 P.M., 12.00 A.M.

Leave Tsim-Tsui for Kowloon: 6.30 A.M., 7.30 A.M., 8.30 A.M., 9.30 A.M., 10.30 A.M., 11.30 A.M., 12.30 P.M., 1.30 P.M., 2.30 P.M., 3.30 P.M., 4.30 P.M., 5.30 P.M., 6.30 P.M., 7.30 P.M., 8.30 P.M., 9.30 P.M., 10.30 P.M., 11.30 P.M., 12.30 A.M.

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## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Agent.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers							
Airio	8 Ellis	Brit.	str.	1491	May 28 Russell & Co.		
Ancon	2 Murray	Brit.	str.	1873	June 2 P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Arago	2 Sutherland	Brit.	str.	1961	June 1 P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Ava	5 Bouard	Foh.	str.	2071	June 2 Messageries Maritimes		
Devonshire	5 Purvis	Brit.	str.	1613	May 23 Russell & Co.		
Diamond	5 Sisch	Brit.	str.	2431	June 1 Russell & Co.		
Dina	5 Vint	Pol.	str.	231	May 17 Messageries Maritimes		
Don Juan	5 Marquez	Span.	str.	654	May 31 Brindley & Co.		
Doris	5 Zarnah	Ger.	str.	816	May 27 Weller & Co.		
Douglas	5 Young	Brit.	str.	982	May 21 Douglas Steamship Co.		
Emu	5 Lawson	Brit.	str.	241	April 28 Chinese		
Enigma	5 Starbuck	Brit.	str.	2083	May 15 Senior Naval Officer.		
Exochordis	5 Johnson	Brit.	str.	423	May 18 Weller & Co.		
Fama	5 Stoppani	Brit.	str.	117	Oct. 31 Brindley & Co.		
Fokien	5 Westoby	Brit.	str.	609	May 31 Douglas Steamship Co.		
Gazette	5 MacKinnon	Brit.	str.	1399	June 2 J. J. J. & Co.		
Greyhound	5 Sydney	Brit.	str.	227	May 24 Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Kangaroo	5 Charles	Brit.	str.	187	May 21 Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Leviathan	5 Mearns	Brit.	str.	339	June 1 You W. Hoong		
Melita	5 Helms	Brit.	str.	220	April 22 Captain		
Menutit	5 Kurtzig	Brit.	str.	809	May 28 Yuen Fat Hong		
Mongkut	5 Moffat	Brit.	str.	387	May 26 O. & S. S. Co.		
Oceanic	5 Moffat	Brit.	str.	938	May 30 Russell & Co.		
Orizaba	5 Lequere	Foh.	str.	370	May 29 Messageries Maritimes		
Peking	5 Houermain	Brit.	str.	954	May 26 Siemens & Co.		
Pilot Fish	5 Robinson	Brit.	str.	161	June 2 H. K. & W. Dock Co.		
Port Jackson	5 Hagg	Brit.	str.	1728	May 29 Siemens & Co.		
Rory	5 Marsden	Brit.	str.	1202	May 26 Russell & Co.		
Saltee	5 R. Martz	Brit.	str.	252	May 31 R. Martz		
Santa Gull	5 White	Brit.	str.	1383	May 19 Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Strathmore	5 Brown	Brit.	str.	873	May 24 Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Vortigern	5 Corfield	Brit.	str.	1323	May 31 Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Welcombe	5 Upton	Brit.	str.	166	Dec. 22 Pustat & Co.		
Will of the Wisp	5 Arnold	Brit.	str.	1425	May 29 Russell & Co.		
Yorkshire	5 Arnold	Brit.	str.	1425	May 29 Russell & Co.		

Sailing Vessels								
Bon J. Sowell	8	c	Ulmer	sh.	1297	June 1	Douglas Steamship Co.	
Bessie	5		Barker	Brit. bgo.	228	May 8	Order	
Bonnie Lassie	4		Chapman	Brit. bgo.	380	June 1	Siemens & Co.	
Director	4		Bogart	Brit. bgo.	919	May 20	Russell & Co.	Portland, Oregon
Edith	2	b	Br. Chandler	Ger. bgo.	287	May 21	Edward Schellham & Co.	
Emily	4		O'Leary	Brit. bgo.	285	May 26	Wielter & Co.	
Eyvor	4		Atkins	Amer. sch.	561	April 22	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	New York
F. H. Drews	4		Rothbart	Ger. bgo.	63	May 20	Order	
Goodell	8		Hagan	Amer. bgo.	840	Jan. 4	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Hamburg
Hattie R. Tapley	4		Finlayson	Brit. bgo.	907	May 31	Chinese	
Helene	3		Behrmann	Ger. 3m. sch.	423	May 13	Wielter & Co.	
Highlander	4		Bachelder	Amer. sh.	1290	May 19	Russell & Co.	
Highland Light	8		Norcross	Amer. sh.	1264	May 22	Order	
Iceberg	8		Treat	Amer. sh.	1136	May 17	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	
James G. Pendleton	8		Colcord	Amer. bgo.	898	May 13	Order	
Louise O'Connell	4		Solario	Brit. bgo.	693	Oct. 31	Lane, Newman & Co.	For sale
L. Arvenzie	4		Burgers	Brit. bgo.	351	May 22	Graham & Co.	
Livingstone	3		Stollana	Ger. bgo.	631	May 24	Wielter & Co.	
Madura	3		Stanton	Brit. bgo.	570	April 29	Captain	K'loon Do
Montana	4		Hansen	Ger. sch.	76	May 19	Blackhead & Co.	
Nardoo	3		Morrison	Brit. bgo.	579	May 19	Siemens & Co.	
New City	3		Bray	Brit. sch.	1444	April 1	Russell & Co.	San Francisco
Phineas Deane	3		Blanchard	Amer. bgo.	1280	May 13	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	K'loon Do
Princess Wilhelmina	2		Mittler	Dut. bgo.	379	May 31	Siemens & Co.	
R. E. Wood	8		Gilkey	Amer. sh.	1406	May 22	P. & O. S. N. Co.	
Santa Filomena	4		Mendigaren	Span. sch.	449	May 22	Kung Hing Tay	
Sarah S. Ridgway	4		Townsend	Amer. bgo.	831	Nov. 26	Chinese	Callao
Stephan	5		Trumpeter	Ger. sh.	1267	May 17	Order	
St. Nicolas	7		Joy	Amer. sh.	1723	June 1	Wachere & Co.	
Walt. Castle	5		Kraus	Brit. bgo.	574	May 3	Lane, Crawford & Co.	
Wandering Minstrel	3		Koch	Pr. 3m. sch.	366	May 22	Order	
Wildwood	7		Sawyer	Amer. bgo.	1099	April 10	Russell & Co.	K'loon Do
Willie	7		Simmons	Amer. sh.	1409	May 27	Order	
Willard Mudgett	5		Simple	Amer. bgo.	831	May 17	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
Willie	6		Henne	Ger. bgo.	560	April 16	Carlowitz & Co.	Hamburg